



Vermont Forest Resource Fact Sheet 2020

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$236,717
Cooperative Forestry	\$585,267
Forest Health Management	\$1,084,320
Forest Legacy and Community Forestry	\$3,760,600
Total	\$5,666,904

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

Key Issues

- Conserve native biological diversity across all landscapes.
- Maintain and enhance forest ecosystem health and ecological productivity.
- Maintain and enhance forest contribution to ecosystem services.
- Maintain and enhance an ethic of respect for the land, sustainable use, and exemplary management.
- Legal, institutional, and economic framework in place for forest conservation and sustainability.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2019 Accomplishments	Value
Population	625,741	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	3,504
Acres of Forest Land	4,465,749	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	14,237
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,612,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	11,722
Number of NIPF Landowners	88,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	136
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	16
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	4,700,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	222	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	1,505
Cities and Towns	46	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	99
Forest Based Employment	5,332	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	452,128
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	2	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	17,425
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,768,904		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer has now been confirmed in ten Vermont towns in eight counties. Officials are encouraging Slow the Spread Recommendations to the mapped Infested Area reduces the risk of spreading of the invasive beetle. Like New Hampshire, forest tent caterpillar defoliation plummeted. White pine needle damage and red pine decline continued as also reported in neighboring states.

Forest Legacy

The Vermont Forest Legacy Program continued with forest land protection on two multi-tract projects in the state. The Groton Forest Legacy Initiative project added a 930-acre conservation easement to the multi-tract project that has already protected 1,598 acres around the Groton State Forest. The state also acquired a 575-acre conservation easement as part of the multi-tract Windham Region Working Forest project. In addition to the completed acquisitions, the state was actively working on other tracts in order to complete both projects in 2020.

Forest Stewardship

The Vermont Forest Stewardship Program reported 204 new or revised stewardship plans for 14,237 acres, of which 11,772 acres were in Important Forest Areas per the state's Strategic Forest Action Plan. In addition, 2,722 landowners participated in education programs as well as several landscape scale restoration projects, including Vermont Natural Resources Council's "Training Real Estate and Resource Professionals to Keep Forests as Forests," which targets professionals who work with private landowners making decisions about their woodlands.

Landscape Scale Restoration

The Resilient Right-of-Ways Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) grant project enabled Vermont's UCF to help eight communities (for a total of 20 for the multi-year project) assess the public trees along 178 miles of roadside, resulting in better management of this resource. Program staff continued to support thoughtful planning in town forests by releasing the Town Forest Recreation Planning Toolkit, funded through an LSR grant.

Urban and Community Forestry

Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) staff led 26 workshops, assisted in 25 rural roadside ash inventories, and awarded \$38,660 through 20 grants to help municipalities prepare for the impact of the emerald ash borer.



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